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On February 11, in consultation with FAS, Econoff delivered copies of reftel diplomatic notes and points to Giannina Santiago, Advisor to the Vice-Minister of Environment, Leonidas Tobon, Director of Technological Development at the Ministry of Agriculture, and Faryde Caller, Advisor for Multilateral Environmental Issues at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Santiago will attend the Mexico meetings, Tobon is unsure. The GOC officials but were not able to provide further details on the GOC delegation or GOC positions at this time. Santiago told EconCouns February 12 that the three ministries would be meeting in the next few days to coordinate positions. (NOTE: All three ministries, including these interlocutors, have been focused on Colombia-EU free trade agreement negotiations in Bogota this week. END NOTE). Post will continue to follow-up and forward additional information as it becomes available. BROWNFIELD